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ENVOY TO U.S. BELIEVES NIXON UNABLE TO VISIT JAPAN IN 1973

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(TEXT) WASHINGTON NOV 1 KYODO--JAPANESE AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON TAKESHI YASUKAWA SAID THURSDAY HE BELIEVED PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT JAPAN WITHIN THIS YEAR.

YASUKAWA MADE THE STATEMENT AFTER EMERGING FROM A 40-MINUTE MEETING WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT.

YASUKAWA TOLD REPORTERS THAT HE AND KISSINGER MAINLY DISCUSSED THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION AND MATTERS RELATED TO KISSINGER'S PROPOSAL FOR ADOPTING A DECLARATION OF COOPERATION AMONG THE U.S., WESTERN EUROPE AND JAPAN.

NIXON'S TRIP TO JAPAN WAS NOT DISCUSSED, THE ENVOY SAID.

YASUKAWA SAID HE HAD EXPLAINED TO KISSINGER THAT JAPAN FEELS IT HAS BEEN LEFT OUT IN THE SO-CALLED KISSINGER PLAN, WITH WASHINGTON GIVING PRIORITY ON CONSULTATIONS WITH EUROPEAN NATIONS.

KISSINGER DENIED THIS, STRESSING THAT THE UNITED STATES REMAINS UNCHANGED IN ITS PLAN TO DRAFT A TRIPARTITE DECLARATION INCLUDING JAPAN, YASUKAWA SAID.

IT APPEARED, HOWEVER, THAT THE U.S. IS STILL UNCERTAIN AS TO THE ROLE OF JAPAN IN THE KISSINGER PLAN SINCE IT HAS BEEN BECOME INVOLVED IN THE MIDDLE EAST WAR, HE SAID.

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